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SUBJECT: WELFARE AND WHEREABOUTS: HAROLD SCHOUPI

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1. FOLLOWING BRIEF SUMMARY CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING HAROLD SCHOUPI EXPULSION IS BASED ON CONGEN' S PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE OF CASE AS WELL AS DISCUSSION TODAY WITH AMERICAN BOARD DIRECTOR MELVIN WHITTILER.

2. IN JANUARY 1972 BOARD SUBMITTED ON BEHALF SCHOUPI ROUTINE REQUEST FOR RENEWAL RESIDENCE PERMIT. SUDDENLY, AFTER NO WORD FOR SIX MONTHS, BOARD INFORMED PERMIT NOT RENEWED AND THAT SCHOUPI SHOULD LEAVE COUNTRY WITHIN FIVE DAYS. ( ACCORDING WHITTILER SIX MONTH DELAY NOT UNUSUAL SINCE DECLARATION MARTIAL LAW.) SCHOUPI COMPLIED AND RETURNED AS TOURIST NOT ENGAGED IN PREVIOUS WORK BUT DOING RESEARCH WHILE BOARD SOUGHT REVIEW OF DECISION

3. BOARD INITIALLY ENCOURAGED WHEN LOCAL SECURITY POLICE STATED THEY BELIEVED REVERSAL POSSIBLE. FURTHER, MINISTER OF INTERIOR, WHO TARSUS COLLEGE GRADUATE AND REGARDED AS WELL DISPOSED TOWARD BOARD, TOOK INTEREST , PERSONALLY REVIEWING CASE AT LEAST THREE TIMES. DURING THIS PERIOD BOARD SOUGHT AND RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE ASSISTANCE FROM EMBASSY ANKARA. NEITHER BOARD NOR EMBASSY WAS ABLE  
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LEARN PRECISELY CHARGES AGAINST SCHOUPI, BUT WHITTTLER CONVINCED THAT ORIGINAL INVESTIGATION MADE BY MILITARY AND THAT THEIR FINDINGS SOLE BASIS GOT ACTION.

4. FINALLY, IN FEBRUARY, SCHOUPI INFORMED THAT HE PERSONA NON GRATA IN TURKEY AND GIVEN 48 HOURS TO LEAVE COUNTRY. ISTANBUL SECURITY REPORTEDLY GREATLY EMBARRASSED BY ORDER AND DID NOT COMPLY WITH COMMAND THAT THEY ESCORT HIM FROM COUNTRY.

5. NO REASON WAS GIVEN FOR PNG ORDER AND NONE HAS BEEN FORTHCOMING. BOARD AND EMBASSY AGREED THAT SINCE MINISTER OF INTERIOR HAD TAKEN PERSONAL INTEREST IN CASE, THERE WAS NO POINT IN EMBASSY INTERCEDING AT THAT POINT.

6. WHILE WHITTTLER NEVER LEARNED ANYTHING DEFINITE HE AND SCHOUPI CONVINCED CHARGES WERE POLITICAL. IT ASSUMED THAT SOME ALLEGATION HAD BEEN MADE RE A 1969 SCHOUPI TRIP TO SOUTHEASTERN TURKEY. AT THAT TIME HE AWARE THAT AT LEAST ONCE SECRET POLICE INQUIRED INTO HIS ACTIVITIES IN DIYARBAKIR, BUT SCHOUPI CANNOT RECALL ANY SPECIFIC ACTION OR WORD OF HIS THAT COULD HAVE PROMPTED DEROGATORY REPORT. WHITTTLER BELIEVES MILITARY COULD HAVE TIED REPORTED POLITICAL ACTIVITY IN ARAB-SPEAKING TURKEY TO THEIR PRESUMED KNOWLEDGE SCHOUPI'S PREVIOUS EXPULSIONS FROM BOTH IRAQ AND SYRIA. IN ADDITION, WHITTTLER BELIEVES THERE AT LEAST ONE SPECIFIC CHARGE AGAINST SCHOUPI FOR SOME OTHER ACTIVITY, BUT HE DECLINED ELABORATE.

7. WHITTTLER BELIEVES CALL FROM MARGARET BLENKEN MADE AT UNITED CHURCH BOARD'S INSTIGATION TO SEEK POSSIBLE REDRESS THROUGH TURKISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON. WHITTTLER NOT RPT NOT SANGUINE RE SUCCESS SUCH EFFORTS BUT WOULD LIKE SEE PERSONA NON GRATA STAIN REMOVED FROM UNITED CHURCH BOARD EMPLOYEE.

8. SCHOUPI CURRENTLY WORKING NEW YORK OFFICES UNITED CHURCH BOARD AND IS AVAILABLE FOR ANY FURTHER DETAILS. MACE

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